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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In a separate petition for extension of time, Applicant has requested and paid the \$60.00 small entity fee for securing a one-month extension of time for response making this response due May 27, 2006. However, as May 27, 2006 falls on a Saturday and the next Monday is a Federal Holiday (Memorial Day) in the District of Columbia, this response is considered to be timely filed according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a) when deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on May 30, 2006, the next business day. ("When the day, or the last day fixed by statute or by or under this part for taking any action or paying any fee in the United States Patent and Trademark

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.